



# Development Update

**March, 2010**

## **2009 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

As of February 25 we have received pledges of \$1,329,807 from 7,727 households for an average gift of \$172.10. Cash receipts total \$1,299,324, 98% of the pledged total, or 74% of our total goal of \$1.75 million.

In addition to the parishes listed in previous editions of the *Development Update*, we would like to congratulate and thank Rev. David Wilke and the parishioners of Holy Rosary Parish, Fairmont City, for exceeding their CSMA financial target.

## **2010 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

### **TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES**

Week of February 22	Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal campaign materials mailed to parishes
Week of March 1	CSMA letters mailed to any parishioners who have contributed to the appeal within the past five years
March 13-14	<b>ANNOUNCEMENT/PRESENTATION WEEKEND</b>  Hang parish goal sheet  Place in-pew envelopes in the pews for all Masses  Announce date for Commitment Weekend, March 20-21. Inform parishioners that if they didn't receive a request letter, in-pew envelopes are available in the pews

\*Use Intercessions for the Prayers of the Faithful

\*Publish CSMA announcements in bulletin

March 20 and 21

### **COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

Place in-pew pledge envelopes and pens in the pews

Presentation by pastor and/or parish chair/lay presenter

Collect commitment cards/in-pew envelopes for processing

\*Use Intercessions for the Prayers of the Faithful

\*Publish CSMA announcements in bulletins

March 27-28

### **FOLLOW-UP WEEKEND**

Update parish progress chart

Pastor or parish chair to announce parish results to date

\*Use Intercessions for the Prayers of the Faithful

\*Publish CSMA announcements in bulletin

Week of April 3

Initial parish transmittals to be prepared and sent to the Office of Development

Week of May 3

Follow-up mailing to those not responding to initial mailing

April-December

Parish reports and updates to be sent to Office of Development on a weekly basis

December

Final reports submitted

\*Intercessions for Prayers of the Faithful, bulletin and pulpit announcements can be found in the

Parish Leadership Training Manual.

**Your support and commitment to promoting this year's appeal are vital to its success. Diocesan ministries funded by the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal are counting on us for funding, perhaps this year more than ever, as the number of people seeking assistance is at its highest level in recent history. We prayerfully and most sincerely ask you to encourage your parishioners to give to the appeal if they are able. Every gift – no matter the size – is needed and appreciated.**

Updates on our progress will be provided in the monthly *Development Update*. If you have questions or if we can be of assistance in any way, please contact Dave Spotanski, 618-235-1682, Extension 112, or Judy Phillips, 618-277-0796, Extension 114. Thank you for your consideration and may God bless you for all you do.

## **Catholic Community Foundation**

The Board of Directors of the Foundation will meet on Thursday, March 4, at Holy Trinity Church in Fairview Heights at 7:00 p.m. Executive Director Bill Knapp noted that the Foundation managed assets on December 31, 2009, of \$22,140,752 for 27 parishes, 16 schools, 3 high schools, 15 cemetery associations and 37 other Diocesan institutions.

## **Planned Giving for Parish Websites**

Information on bequests, beneficiary designation forms, charitable gift annuities and retirement plan assets is available for each parish with a website. Please contact Randy Flachsbart, Director of Planned Giving, at 618-277-8181, Extension 132, or by e-mail at: [rflachsbart@diobelle.org](mailto:rflachsbart@diobelle.org) for more information.

## **Recent Grants Activities**

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate awarded the following Oblate Sharing Fund grants: \$10,000 to Catholic Urban Programs and the St. Vincent de Paul Society; \$3,000 to the Office of Hispanic Ministry; \$2,000 to Prison Ministry; and \$4,000 to Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School.

The Ameren Non-Residential Hardship Assistance Program awarded a \$3,970 grant to the Newman Catholic Student Center and an additional grant of \$4,562 to the Catholic Diocese of Belleville; total Ameren grant funding awarded diocesan agencies and ministries is \$38,172.

The Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States of America awarded the Belleville Diocese Mass stipends in the amount of \$6,000 for Masses to be celebrated within the diocese, remembering the special intentions of Extension donors. The Extension Society also awarded \$300 grants to Cindy Eultgen, St. Lawrence Parish, Sandoval, and Darren Eultgen, St. Theresa of Avila Parish, Salem, to assist with the cost of their attendance at the Extraordinary Pastoring Conference.

***Thank you for your ongoing support. If we can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.***

***Office of Development Staff***